



Charting the Course for Ocean Science in the United States: Research Priorities for the Next Decade

You are invited to attend a public briefing on ***Charting the Course for Ocean Science in the United States: Research Priorities for the Next Decade***, which outlines the national ocean research priorities for the United States for the next ten years. Hosted by the Alaska Ocean Observing System, the North Pacific Research Board, and the University of Alaska, the briefing will be held at **930AM on August 23, 2006**, following coffee at 9AM, at:

Hilton Anchorage
Alaska Room
500 West Third Ave., Anchorage, AK

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=ANCAHHF>

Members from the research community, ocean educators, government representatives (federal, state, tribal, and local), industry groups, international representatives, non-governmental organizations, and any interested individuals are invited to attend. **If you plan to attend**, please RSVP to swalker@usgcrp.gov by August 18, 2006.

Called for in the U.S. Ocean Action Plan and developed by the Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology, this draft document, along with a follow-on Implementation Strategy, will describe a vision for U.S. ocean science and technology, highlight key areas of interaction of our society and the ocean, and identify critical ocean research priorities for these areas. This draft document will be available for public comment late summer 2006.

Additional regional briefings and conference presentations on the national ocean research priorities will be held across the country during the next few months. A developing list of the public briefings is located at:

http://ocean.ceq.gov/about/sup_jsost_orpp_outreach.html

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